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Dear Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the **UTILITY** patent application of:

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Title: LASER WELDING METHOD

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11 pages of written description, claims and abstract.  
 FIVE sheet(s) of formal drawings.  
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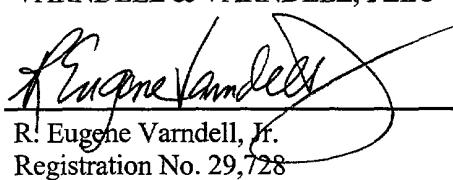
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